(c) IRPOF, FROA and AIRPFA, besides AIRF and NFIR are the constituent of PREM group. The principle behind this arrangement is to include representatives from certain selected segments of Railwaymen in the discussions for formulation of future policies of the Railways.

(d) No, Sir. The normal rules for transfers apply to elected representatives of these organisations too.

(e) Question doesn't arise.

Conversion of Quilon to Chengottai Rail Line

1505. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) at which stage the conversion of gauge from Quilon to Chengottai stands at present;

(b) whether Government would consider to commence the work from Quilon;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) by when, the conversion work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Gauge conversion of Quilon to Shengottai is a part of gauge conversion of Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur, Tenkasi-Virudhunagar sections. Final location survey to ease gradient and sharp curves suiting for BG has been completed between Quilon and Punalur and is in progress on Punalur-Shengottai-Tenkasi seciton. The physical work in this seciton would be taken up after finalisation of final location survey report.

(d) No target date has yet been fixed. The completion would depend upon availability of resources in the coming years.